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Executive Director

Dear Friend,

The most important question confronting our country in this urgent hour of reckoning is clear: Will Donald J. Trump continue to translate the hateful, poisonous rhetoric that propelled him to the White House into the policy of the United States?

Beneath that question simmers widespread fear and uncertainty.

- Will we slam shut our borders indefinitely to refugees fleeing horrific violence and persecution, in conflict-affected countries like Syria?
- Will we embark on the preposterous project of building a wall on our southern border?
- Will the United States, in violation of every Constitutional principle it has held for more than two centuries, impose a religious test on those who want to enter our country?
- Will torture once more become an official government weapon against people detained without trial on suspicions they are not allowed meaningfully to contest?

Trump's bigoted agenda demonstrates his chilling disregard for our cherished human rights. His rhetoric exploits hatred, misogyny, racism and xenophobia and, in doing so, emboldens and empowers some of the most violent segments of our society.

But will his discriminatory policies and executive orders actually become the law of our land?

It's too dangerous to wait to find out.

Amnesty is taking on Donald Trump's anti-human rights agenda. We owe it to the enduring promise of human rights—to principles that transcend political convenience and campaign gimmickry, principles that bind the human family together rather than wrench us apart—to oppose any policies he attempts to put in place that would undermine human rights.

**I'm writing because I need you to stand with us against the blatant contempt for human rights that infects Trump's agenda.**

I need you to see that we are not powerless in the face of bigotry, xenophobia and fear-mongering.

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I need you to recognize that President Trump is not the most powerful person in the United States today but, in fact, YOU are.

Your voice can still decide the direction in which we go—as long as you choose to raise it. Because the power of your singular voice—united in solidarity with Amnesty’s seven million other members and supporters around the world—is a force for human rights that is unstoppable.

Your voice has never been more important than it is right now.

**I’ve enclosed six petitions addressed to the people—both elected and appointed—who are positioned to have the greatest influence on U.S. human rights policies in the Trump administration.**

**Your signature is needed to tell not only President Donald Trump, but also his Attorney General, Secretary of State and Vice President Mike Pence—as well as Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and Speaker of the House Paul Ryan—that you expect them to respect and protect the human rights of all individuals, no matter where in the world they live.**

It is vitally important that you reach out to all these leaders with this message in support of human rights, so please sign and return your petitions today.

**And when you do, I also urge you to exercise your power by becoming a member of Amnesty International and joining the largest human rights movement in the world with a contribution of \$25, \$35, \$50 or even \$100 or more today.**

For more than 55 years, Amnesty International has worked to protect people threatened with torture, unjust imprisonment, execution and other human rights abuses. Today we are faced with a challenge wherein the President of the United States is determined to implement a long array of policies that put human rights—indeed, human lives—at serious and immediate risk.

The millions of refugees who are now fleeing armed conflict in Syria, Somalia, South Sudan, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Iraq and Afghanistan are not a menace to our security. They are simply people seeking to live free from fear.

Indeed, one of our country’s greatest legacies has been its longstanding bipartisan tradition of resettling refugees and treating them with dignity and full respect for their rights.

It’s also important to know that no refugee comes to the United States without documentation or without extensive vetting by multiple U.S. law enforcement and intelligence agencies. That’s why it was so patently false for President Trump to say, in response to the recent Syrian refugee crisis: “We don’t know who they are. They have no documentation and we don’t know what they’re planning.”

This country faces real threats to security, and we all deserve a government that protects our safety. But President Trump isn’t offering real solutions: He’s scapegoating Muslims, playing on our worst instincts of fear and prejudice. His ban on people from six majority Muslim countries won’t make us any safer, and that’s why dozens of national security officials oppose it.

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President Trump has pledged to build a wall closing the southern border of the United States—a policy that is widely viewed as impractical and that is rooted in anti-immigrant sentiment.

He is on record as advocating that the United States return to a policy of torturing detainees—a horrific practice that would place us among the ranks of the world's worst offenders of human rights.

Amnesty is uniquely positioned to take on these myriad issues because of our independence. We don't differentiate according to political party, nor do we take sides in elections. Thanks to your support, we do not take money from governments for our research and campaigning. And we are not affiliated with any political ideology or religion.

That is why my message to you today is both simple and urgent. Amnesty can take anybody on when it comes to human rights, without fear or favor. And our work today is as vital as it has always been. **If anything, it's more vital.**

~~—~~We were founded in 1961 when a lawyer named Peter Benenson, reading his newspaper on the London underground, came across an article about two Portuguese students who were sentenced to seven years in prison for raising their glasses in a toast to freedom.

Outraged, his first instinct was to go straight to the Portuguese embassy and lodge a protest. Instead, he got off at Trafalgar Square, made his way to the church of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, sat down and thought.

Forty-five minutes later, he had his idea: a worldwide movement to utilize the power of one—our combined voices—to create pressure to release prisoners of conscience.

He set up a network of letter writers to bombard governments with individual appeals on behalf of prisoners jailed and ill-treated in violation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

**More than 55 years later, with millions of members and supporters in more than 150 countries, we are still confronting those with power on behalf of those without.**

Our relentless campaigns, often years long, have secured the releases of thousands of prisoners of conscience.

~~—~~Today, from the prosecution of dissidents in countries like Iran to Azerbaijan, to the shocking persecution of LGBTQ people in countries from Uganda to Russia, to abuses committed in the name of the “war on terror” by our own government, our work is more important than ever.

President Trump has made it vitally important. For under a Trump administration, human rights will very likely, at the very best, take a back seat to profits and politics. In many cases, they may simply be run right over.

In his dangerous worldview, the focus is not on unity but on division. With broad strokes, he impugns entire groups of people as a dangerous force to be feared. At Amnesty, we see the one – the individual whose rights cannot be ignored...and a cause that cannot be resisted.

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That one is the refugee who needs a safe haven, the prisoner unjustly locked in a cell for who they are or what they believe, the dissident silenced in a despotic regime.

But for Amnesty, the one is also the person willing to raise his or her voice without fear, to join it with others who share a passion for human rights, and to refuse to be silent until justice is done. That one is you. The power is your voice. Will you raise it today?

You can—by taking two steps right away. **First**, please sign the enclosed petitions to President Trump, Vice President Pence, the Secretary of State, the U.S. Attorney General, Speaker of the House Ryan and Majority Leader McConnell warning them that we are watching ... and that we expect the United States to live up to its human rights obligations.

**Second, become a member of Amnesty International with a generous gift of \$25, \$35, \$50, or even \$100 today.**

Your gift will provide the extensive resources that are required to maintain our movement of human rights activists, organizers, campaigners, investigators and advocates around the world, conduct our groundbreaking research, and continue our effective advocacy.

The very fact that our country's leadership appears ready to abdicate the cause of human rights makes it all the more incumbent upon us to fill that vacuum—to serve as our country's default conscience and to strengthen our role as the human rights defenders our world so desperately needs.

Please don't delay. The power of one is immense—but only if you choose to exercise it.

Sincerely,



Margaret Huang  
Executive Director

P.S. Sometimes human rights activism requires us to inquire into the inscrutable words of distant leaders who deliberately obscure their meaning to conceal their agendas. This is not one of those times. Donald Trump has made no secret of his hostility to human rights. We must take action against his proposals to build walls and sow divisions...his fear-mongering and xenophobic policies. We must fight for justice and freedom for all people.

**This is the purpose of Amnesty International. We believe in the power of your words. We believe in the power of your actions. But to be heard, we must be relentless in our demand for human rights. Please join us. It has never been more important.**



# THE AMERICA I BELIEVE IN LEADS WITH HUMAN RIGHTS

- ☐ **YES!** I want to fight to protect human rights for all people around the world. That is why I am adding my voice to make sure the poisonous and hateful rhetoric that fueled Trump's rise to the White House never becomes government policy.
- ☐ **YES!** I have signed and am returning my petitions to President Trump, Vice President Pence, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Speaker of the House Ryan and Senate Majority Leader McConnell
- ☐ Enclosed is my tax-deductible contribution to Amnesty International in the amount of:  
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## PETITION TO PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP

TO: President Donald Trump  
FROM: Mr. [REDACTED]

I am alarmed when I hear anyone—especially national media and public officials—stirring up hateful rhetoric and scapegoating in response to legitimate safety concerns. We all want safety from terrorism and other forms of violence, but fear, hate, and bigotry don't make me safer.

I won't stand by and let your administration, Congress—or anyone else—deny people their human rights and freedoms. As the President, I urge you to publicly reject false solutions to the threat of terrorism, such as refugee-bashing, anti-Muslim fear-mongering, and suggestions to engage in torture or war crimes. I call on you to ensure that America protects the human rights of everyone, period.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. [REDACTED], CA

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## PETITION TO VICE PRESIDENT MIKE PENCE

TO: Vice President Mike Pence  
FROM: Mr. [REDACTED]

I am alarmed when I hear anyone—especially national media and public officials—stirring up hateful rhetoric and scapegoating in response to legitimate safety concerns. We all want safety from terrorism and other forms of violence, but fear, hate, and bigotry don't make me safer.

I won't stand by and let your administration, Congress—or anyone else—deny people their human rights and freedoms. As the Vice President, I urge you to publicly reject false solutions to the threat of terrorism, such as refugee-bashing, anti-Muslim fear-mongering, and suggestions to engage in torture or war crimes. I call on you to ensure that America protects the human rights of everyone, period.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. [REDACTED], CA

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## PETITION TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE

TO: The Secretary of State  
FROM: Mr. [REDACTED]

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I won't stand by and let your administration, Congress—or anyone else—deny people their human rights and freedoms. As the Secretary of State, I urge you to publicly reject false solutions to the threat of terrorism, such as refugee-bashing, anti-Muslim fear-mongering, and suggestions to engage in torture or war crimes. I call on you to ensure that America protects the human rights of everyone, period.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. [REDACTED], CA

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## PETITION TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

TO: The Attorney General  
FROM: Mr. [REDACTED]

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I won't stand by and let your administration, Congress—or anyone else—deny people their human rights and freedoms. As the Attorney General, I urge you to publicly reject false solutions to the threat of terrorism, such as refugee-bashing, anti-Muslim fear-mongering, and suggestions to engage in torture or war crimes. I call on you to ensure that America protects the human rights of everyone, period.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. [REDACTED], CA

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## PETITION TO SENATE MAJORITY LEADER MITCH MCCONNELL

TO: Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell  
FROM: Mr. [REDACTED]

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I won't stand by and let your administration, Congress—or anyone else—deny people their human rights and freedoms. As the Senate Majority Leader, I urge you to publicly reject false solutions to the threat of terrorism, such as refugee-bashing, anti-Muslim fear-mongering, and suggestions to engage in torture or war crimes. I call on you to ensure that America protects the human rights of everyone, period.

Respectfully submitted,

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